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SUBJECT: EXPANDED ROLE OF GAO AND GAO VISITS TO SELECTED POSTS

1. DURING THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD ENDING JULY 30, 1978, GAO  
INSPECTION AND AUDIT TEAMS MADE THE FOLLOWING VISITS TO  
USG OPERATIONS WITHIN KOREA:

PERIOD	ORGANIZATION	NO. OF VISITS	AVERAGE LENGTH	AVERAGE SIZE OF TEAM
8/76-7/77	EMBASSY	1	5 WKS	3
	U.S. FORCES	8	4 WKS	3
8/77-7/78	USAID	1	4 WKS	5
	U.S. FORCES	9	4 WKS	3

WITH THE PHASING OUT OF THE USAID PROGRAM, THE TREND DURING  
THE PAST FEW YEARS HAS BEEN FOR FEWER GAO INSPECTIONS OF  
CIVILAIN OPERATIONS AND A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF  
INSPECTIONS OF MILITARY OPERATIONS. THE DURATION OF THE  
VISIT AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE TEAM ARE DETERMINED BY  
THE COMPLEXITY OF THE INSPECTION AND FOR THE MOST  
PART APPEAR TO BE APPROPRIATELY STAFFED, BOTH IN TERMS  
OF SIZE AND COMPOSITION. THOSE INSPECTIONS WHICH WOULD NOT  
REQUIRE AN ELEMENT OF SURPRISE COULD BE MORE EFFICIENTLY  
CONDUCTED, IN LESS TIME AND WITH LESS DISRUPTION TO  
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THE ORGANIZATION BEING INSPECTED, IF AN ADVANCE QUESTION-  
NAIRE WERE SUBMITTED IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO ALLOW FOR  
PROPER PLANNING AND COORDINATION.

2. GAO INSPECTION TEAMS NORMALLY MAKE FEW DEMANDS ON  
POST'S RESOURCES. SUPPORT REQUIRED IS GENERALLY CON-  
FINED TO WORKING SPACE, OFFICE SUPPLIES, VEHICLE SUPPORT

AND TYPING OR SECRETARIAL HELP. OVERTIME PAYMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH VISITS ARE THE EXCEPTION AND NOT THE RULE.

3. GAO REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NOT MADE ANY VISITS TO KOREAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE FORMAL INSPECTIONS AND AUDITS, A TOTAL OF FIVE VISITS BY SENIOR GAO OFFICIALS WERE MADE, COVERING 30 DAYS AND INVOLVING A TOTAL OF THIRTY PEOPLE.

5. THERE HAS BEEN NO TREND OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF GAO INVESTIGATIONS NOR HAVE THEY BEEN PARTICULARLY DEMANDING. HOWEVER, WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING TOWARD A GAO INQUIRY INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. GROUND FORCES FROM KOREA. THIS STUDY WILL FOCUS DIRECTLY UPON A CENTRAL ISSUE IN U.S. POLICY IN KOREA AND PROMISES TO BE MORE DEMANDING THAN PAST VISITS. AN ADVANCE TEAM IS NOW IN KOREA AND THEIR APPROACH WAS SUCCINCTLY DESCRIBED BY A SENIOR OFFICER WHO MET WITH THEM AS FOLLOWS: "THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR BUT ARE SURE THEY WILL RECOGNIZE IT WHEN THEY SEE IT." WHILE TOO EARLY TO BE CONSIDERED A TREND, IF FUTURE STUDIES ARE FOCUSED ON EARLY STAGES OF POLICY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSIDERATION IN KOREA AND NORTHEAST ASIA, WE COULD FIND OURSELVES UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE.  
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